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1. [redacted] reports on the town of Sumgait (N 40-33, E 49-37):

- a. Fifteen-page report and layout sketch of the town.
- b. Sumgait Motor Park.
- c. Sumgait Pipe Rolling Mill, with layout sketch.
- d. Sketch of the railroad station area.

2. The town report covers the following topics:

- a. General town information, including the house numbering system.
- b. Industrial installations.
- c. Government and political installations.
- d. Medical facilities.
- e. Hotels, restaurants, and entertainment facilities.
- f. Educational institutions.
- g. Transportation.
- h. Public utilities.
- i. Communications, including radio reception.
- j. Living costs and availability of foods and consumer goods.

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Attachment *1a*

Annotation to Sketch Map of Sumgait

1. Road leading to the Sumgait railroad station, 7 km. from the intersection of Lenina and Stalina Streets. (For details see attachments "C" and "D" to this report.
2. Two-lane asphalted road approaching Sumgait from the Baku - Derbent highway. It is 2 km. from the point marked "2" on the sketch to the Baku - Derbent highway. The brickyard of Sumgait is located near the intersection of this road and the Baku - Derbent highway.
3. Yard for empty  railroad cars of #4 and #5.
4. OZER (?) Works #142.
5. SK Works (Synthetic Rubber Works).
6. Garage of #5.
7. Artificial bay and pier for Azneft'.
8. Kontora Soyuzprommontazh (All-Union Industrial Assembly Office).
9. Kontora Kauchukstroy (Office of Synthetic Rubber Construction).
10. Garage of TETs.
11. Zavod Kauchukstroy (Rubber Construction Works).
12. TETs (Teplo-Electro Tsentral'- Thermal Power Plant).
13. Akhundova Street.
14. Construction Workers Club (Klub Stroiteley), 2-story building.
15. Military commandantur and dormitory of military police (Komendantskiy patrol').
16. Auto Park #4 of Sumgait.
17. Vocational Training School for construction workers (Skhola FZO).
18. Trest ZAKPROMSTROY (Transcaucasian Industrial Construction Trust), 2-story building.
19. Mechanization Park (Baza Mekhanizatsii) of #18.
20. KPP (?).
21. Concrete Plant (Betonyy Zavod).

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22. Soft drinks factory (limonadnyy zavod).
23. Aluminum Works (SAZ - Sumgaitskiy Alyuminiyevyy Zavod).
24. Garage of #23.
25. Garage of #18.
26. Pipe rolling mill of Sumgait (BTZ).
27. Two-lane asphalted road, 3 km. long, leading to the Baku - Derbent highway.
28. Dumps of #26.
29. New station of electric railway Baku - Sumgait; was to be put in operation by the end of 1958.
30. New workers settlement.
31. Old workers settlement.
32. Poselok Khimstroya (Chemical Constructions Settlement), or, so-called "Old Sumgait"
33. Vineyards.
34. Two-meter wide drainage canal of concrete construction.
35. Grocery store #8.
36. City Militia. Two-story building.
37. Plan houses.
38. Plan houses, so-called 23rd block (kvartal).
39. Streetcar repair shop (depo).
40. Pushkina Street.
41. Construction Workers Stadium (Stadion "Stroitel").
42. Lenina Street.
43. Bread -baking plant.
44. Dormitories of Aluminum Works. Located in 15th block (Kvartal).
45. Club imeni Narimanova.
46. Office of Sumgait Trade Organization (Sumgaittorg).
47. Narimanova Street.
48. Three-story building; manufactured goods store on first floor.

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49. Three-story building; grocery store on the first floor.
50. Dormitories of pipe rolling plant (BTZ), housing about 2,000 people in a square building with inner yard.
51. Clinic of BTZ.
52. Public lavatory.
53. Park (skver).
54. Taxi stand and bus terminal.
55. Cafeteria ORS (otdel rabocheho snabzheniya - department of workers supply). According to city re-construction plans, this building is to be torn down in the near future.
56. Three-story building. Library on the first floor.
57. Pharmacy.
58. The old bath-house. Two-story building. Ten individual rooms (nomera) on first floor, common (obshchiye) facilities on the second floor.
59. First-aid clinic (skoraya pomoshch').
60. Store #22.
61. Two-story club of BTZ.
62. Park of #61.
63. New three-story high apartment houses.
64. "Finnish houses", one-story high wooden dwellings.
65. Hotel for Collective Farmers (Dom Kolkhoznika) and cafeteria #10 adjacent to it.
66. Collective Farms Market.
67. Six-story house. On the first floor - grocery store #66, bread store, and tailoring artel'.
68. Three-story building. "Pervyy Restoran" (Restaurant #1) on the first floor.
69. Five-story house. Furniture store on the first floor.
70. Three-story building. State bank (gosbank) on first floor.
71. City branch of railroad ticket office (gorodskaya kassa).
72. Butcher store.

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73. Children's department store "Detskiy Mir". ("Children's World")
74. Vagifa Street.
75. Park.
76. City Hospital.
77. City Polyclinic.
78. Stalina Street.
79. Savings Bank (Sberegatel'naya Kassa) on the first floor of a 2-or 3-story building.
80. ZAGS on the first floor of a 2- or 3-story house.
81. Three-story building. First floor occupied by MVD offices.
82. New apartment houses.
83. Office of newspaper "Sumgait".
84. Artel Inposhiv (Individual'nyy Poshiv- Custom Tailoring).
85. Hardware Store.
86. Photo Shop.
87. Grocery Store #41.
88. Vegetable Store.
89. New post, telephone and telegraph office building - a three-story building. Scheduled to open the end of 1958.
90. Milk bar (Kafe "Molochnoye").
91. Savings Bank.
92. Shoe Store.
93. Book Store.
94. Old post office building.
95. High School #1.
96. Boulevard-like street, with trees on both sides of it.
97. Kindergarten of BTZ.
98. Two-story restaurant "Sumgait".

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99. RayPo Restaurant. [REDACTED]
100. Chemical Institute, opened in 1958.
101. People's Court (Narsud). 50X1-HUM
102. Grocery Store #67.
103. Three-story building accommodating City Committee of Communist Party (Gorkom), City Executive Committee (Gorispolkom), and City Council (Gorsovet).
104. Lenin Monument.
105. Dancing floor (tanzploshchadka) of #106.
106. Club SK (#5).
107. Cafeteria ORS.
108. City Park.
109. Summer movie house of #108.
110. Winter movie theater "Vagif".
111. Summer movie theater "Vagif".
112. Amusement section of #108 (merry-go-round, swings, etc.).
113. Park "Stroiteley" (under construction).
114. New three-story high hotel. To be completed soon.
115. Field road to Dzhorat.
116. Nizami Street.
117. Manufactured goods store #60.

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(Bakinskiy Truboprokatnyy Zavod - Baku Pipe Rolling Mill) is located in the southwest part of Sumgait and occupies an area of about 5-6 sq. km. The plant which was put in operation in 1949-50 employs some 3,000 workers in three shifts. Former director of the mill, MAMEDOV (fnu), died in 1956, the name of the new director is not known [redacted] 50X1-HUM

2. [redacted] final products of the mill: pipes 5-6 inches in diameter, used by oil drilling procedure; pipes for oil well compressors, outside pipes - 4 inches, and inside - 2½ inches in diameter; 1-inch water and gas pipes used in house construction.

3. The following shops and departments of the plant are known [redacted]

a. Pipe rolling shop, 800 x 2,000 meter building, with railroad tracks going thru the shop. 50X1-HUM

b. Blooming mill, 500 x 1,000 meter building. The shop produced round steel bars (kruglyye balki).

c. Open-hearth plant (martenovskiy tsekh), 200 x 500 meter building, produced steel blocks (bolvanki).

d. Mechanical shop, 200 x 500 meter building.

e. Small foundry and pattern shop (liteyno-formovochnyy).

f. Black-smith shop.

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- g. Pile-driver department (koprovyy). Next to it was located an open air scrap warehouse. The purchasing price of scrap steel is presently 25 rubles per ton as compared to 60 rubles per ton a few years ago.
- h. Electrical department engaged in the repair and installation of plant equipment.
- j. Garage.

(For rough layout of the plant proper, see sketch attached to this report.)

- 4. The Pipe Rolling Mill has a regular gauge connection to the Sungait railroad station and also an intershop railroad connection. The plant proper is surrounded by a heavy wall and protected by military guards (voenizirovannaya okhrana).

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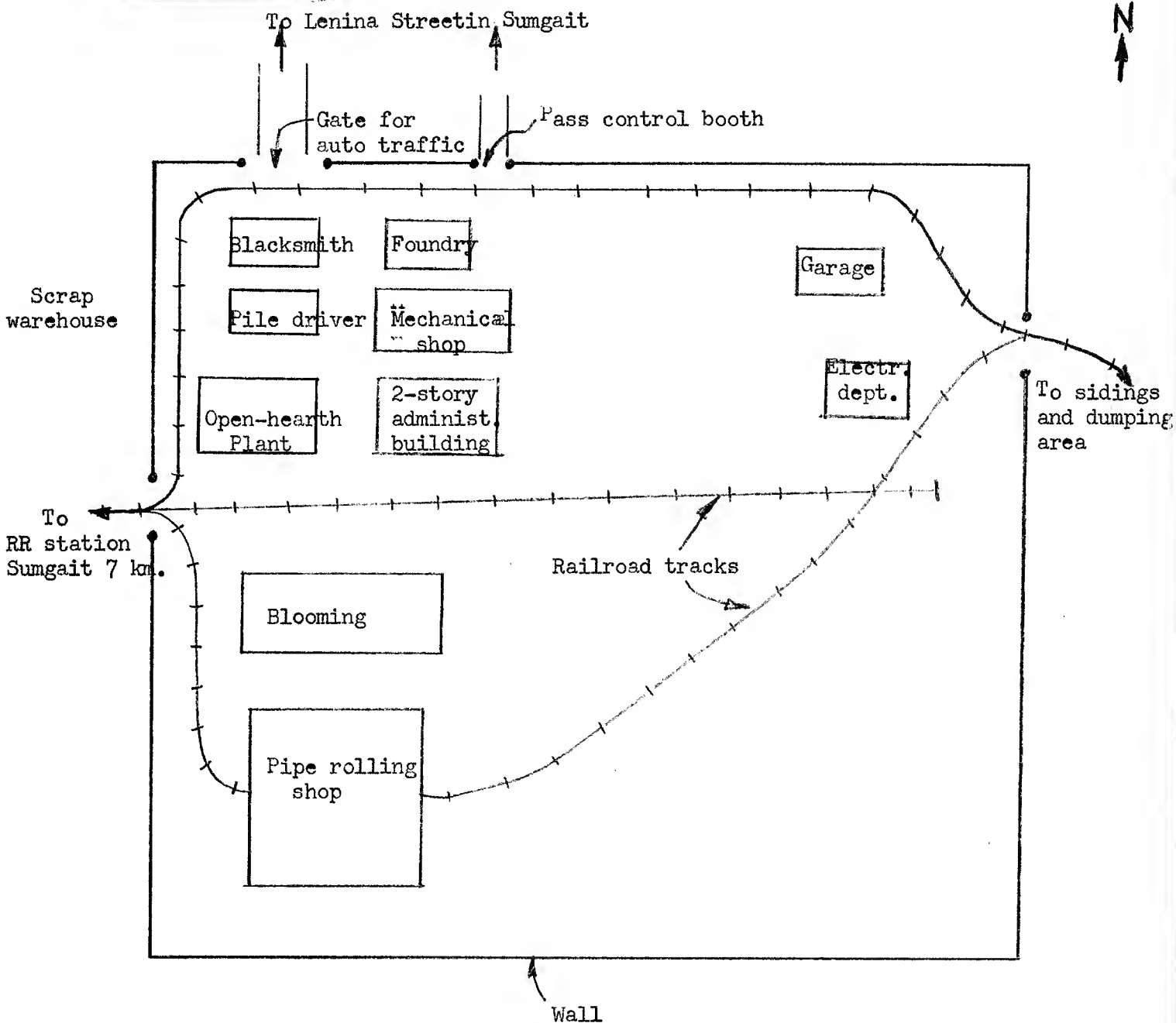
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Rough Layout of BTZ (Sumgait Pipe Rolling Mill)



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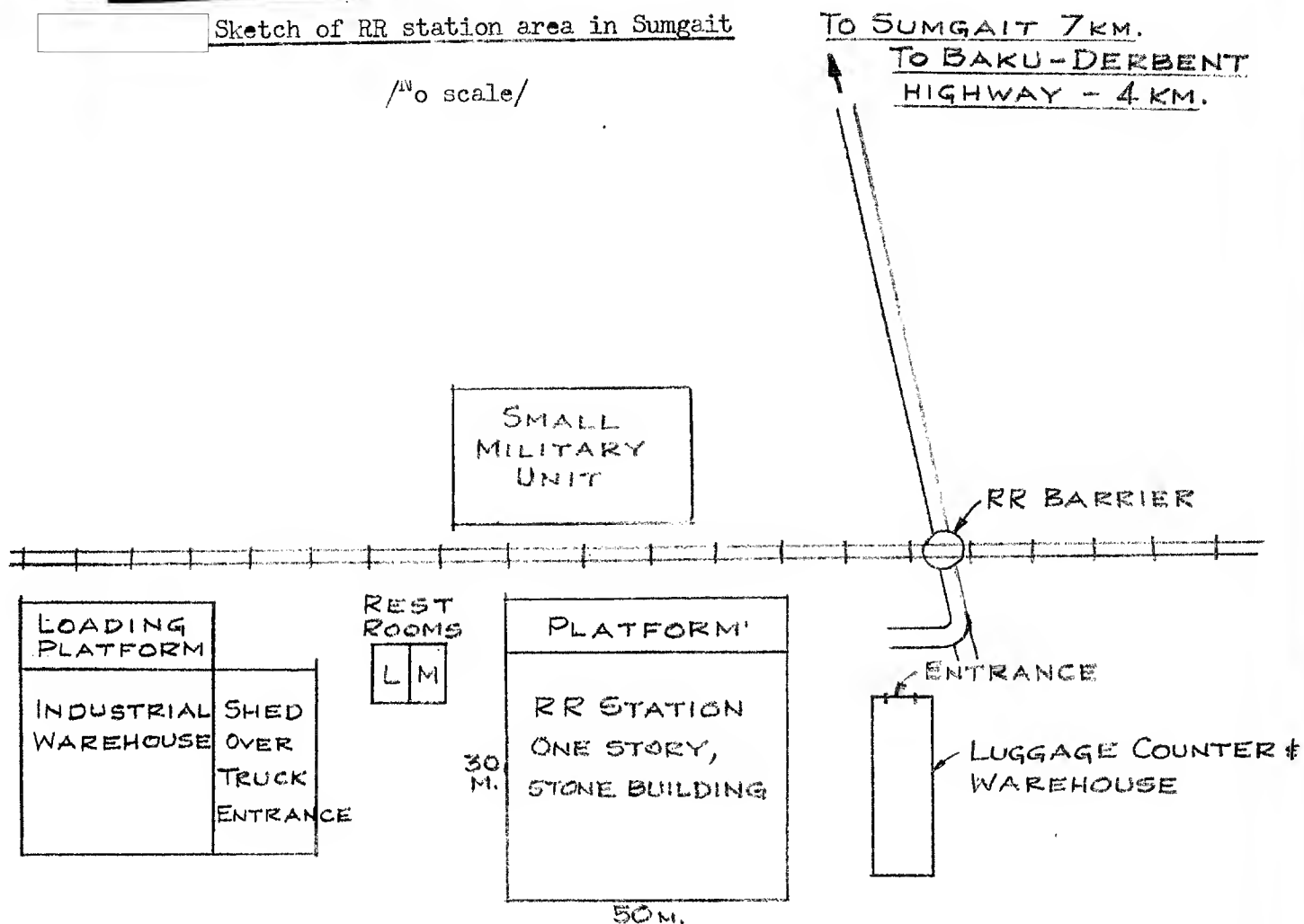
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Sketch of RR station area in Sumgait

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Autotransport and highways of Azerb. SSR, is located some 200-300 meters north of Lenina Street in Sumgait in the vicinity of OZER (?) Works. The park provided for city transportation and was also engaged in the hauling of various goods, basically, the construction materials by orders (zayavka) of state enterprises in Baku - Siazan' area.

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2. The Avtobaza employed some 600 workers and was equipped with over 200 automobiles, including trucks, dump trucks, compressor cars, buses, passenger taxi cars.
3. All workers and equipment were divided into three brigades as follows:
  - a. 50 ZIS-585 dump trucks, 4 GAZ-51 cargo taxi, 6 "Pobeda" passenger taxi with attached personnel under foreman Misha (Inu), 32;
  - b. 100 ZIL-150 trucks (bortovik, as called [redacted] with attached personnel under foreman Sabir ALIYEV, 28;
  - c. 40-45 buses ZIS-155 under foreman Akop SHATUN, 50.

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The average monthly salary of the drivers amounted to 1,000-1,200 Rubles.

4. Superintendent of the Auto Park - Inu SALAMOV, [redacted]  
Chief engineer - Inu MAMEDOV, [redacted]  
Personnel officer - Maria Pavlovna PLATONOVA [redacted]  
Party secretary - Boris MURZOV [redacted]

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1. In 1946-47 Sumgait was still a small village consisting of two workers' settlements and khimstroy (settlement for workers engaged in the construction of chemical plants in this area). Right after World War II, penal labor and German PW camps were located in these settlements. Presently, the old barrack-type one-story houses are being torn down and two- and three-story buildings are being erected instead. Upon completion of the chemical plants, and, especially, BTZ (Pipe Rolling Mill of Sumgait), the town began to boom. Now it is a modern city with straight, paved, wide streets built by plan. Present population of the city exceeds 90,000 and consists predominantly of Russians, followed by native Azerbaydzhanians and Armenians. 50X1-HUM
2. All street names (except for a few very new streets which have not been named yet) are indicated on 12 x 50 cm. metal plates. The plates are convex in shape, bulging out from the wall along the long axis. These black plates with white lettering are mounted on corner houses. The whole city is divided into blocks (kvartaly). Usually, the house numbers are the same on both sides of the street, only block numbers would be different. That is, Stalina Street would have two houses #10 on opposite sides of the street; one would be attached to the 7th block and the other to the 8th block. The house numbers (black metal plates with white lettering), have the block number at the top and the house number at the bottom and are mounted over the gates or entrances to the houses. The regulation requires the installation of an electric light (which burns all night) over each house number.

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3. All streets of Sumgait are adequately illuminated by street lights. Two lights are mounted on the cross-arm of each ferro-concrete pole. There are no street traffic lights or traffic directing militia men in Sumgait.
4. The city of Sumgait has no churches or mosques whatsoever.
5. Although Sumgait is located on the Caspian Sea, it has no seaport or public beaches of its own. The beaches around Sumgait are stony, and the local population uses a sandy beach of Dzhorot, 10 km. southeast of Sumgait. The only marine installation of Sumgait is an artificially made bay (#7 of Attachment "A") and pier in the northwest part of the city for a small fleet of prospecting operations of Azneft' (Azerbaydzhanian Oil Trust).

Industrial Installations and other State Enterprises:

- ✓ 6. One of the largest plants in Sumgait is, undoubtedly, BTZ (Bakinskiy Truboprolatnyy Zavod - Pipe Rolling Mill, see #26 of Attachment "A"). See separate report entitled Pipe Rolling Mill of Sumgait.
7. OZER or OZIR #142 (#4 of Attachment "A"). This abbreviation could not it was a military plant employing some 1,500 workers in three shifts. It had no chimneys. it was a chemical plant, but did not know what the final products were.
8. SK Works (Synthetic Rubber Works, #5 of Attachment "A"). Employs 3,000 workers. Has a gas pipe line from Keshlya near Baku. One chimney gave off milky, foggy smoke which had a very sharp smell. The garage of SR (#6 of Attachment "A") had about 80 automobiles of various kinds, including a first-aid ambulance. The garage superintendent was (fnu) TARASOV.
9. Rubber Construction Works (Zavod Kauchukstroy) (#11 of Attachment "A"). Employs 1,800 workers. No additional information could be supplied. The offices of the trust "Kauchukstroy" are located at the sea shore, in the northwest part of the city (#9 of Attachment "A").
10. Aluminum Works (SAZ - Sumgait'skiy Alyuminiyevyy Zavod, #23 of Attachment "A"). It has 3 or 4 shops with 2,500 workers. The aluminum powder was delivered from Rustavi in Georgian SSR, melted and formed into bars 5 x 20 x 30 cm. No other information about plant production is available. Plant was protected by military guards; entrance to the plant was by passes only. By special recommendation of the City Committee of Communist Party, some emigrants were permitted to work at this enterprise. The plant had a garage (#24 of Attachment "A") with about 100 trucks under director (fnu) AGASIYEV.

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- [REDACTED]
11. TETs (Teplo-Electro Tsentral' - Thermo Power Plant, #12 of Attachment "A"), supplies power to cities of Sumgait, Kyzyl-Burun and, partially, Baku. Operates on oil using one train load daily (number of tank cars unknown). TETs garage (#10 of Attachment "A") superintendent is (fnu) DZHAYATOV. 50X1-HUM
12. Concrete plant (Betonnyy Zavod, #21 of Attachment "A"). Employs 500 workers. Director (fnu) VAZIROV. Fabricated bars (bolvanki), plates, slate products (shifer), ferro-concrete items. [REDACTED] this plant had a subsidiary under the same director called KPP. The meaning of this abbreviation could not be explained. [REDACTED] KPP employed some 1,500 workers and consisted of a saw-mill and a wood-working plant which fabricated window and door frames, floor material, etc. KPP (#20 of Attachment "A") was located across the street from the concrete plant. 50X1-HUM
13. Trest Zakpromstroy (Transcaucasian Industrial Construction Trust, #18 of Attachment "A"). Located in a two-story building near the western end of Lenina Street. The shops and garage (#25 of Attachment "A") consist of about 500 trucks, dump-trucks, crane cars, and other construction vehicles and are located near BTZ. Garage director - (fnu) ZUBIL'SKIY, chief engineer - (fnu) MAMEDOV. Mechanization Park (Baza Mekhanizatsii, #19 of Attachment "A") of this trust was equipped with dredgers, concrete mixers, and other construction machines. 50X1-HUM
14. Other enterprises of Sumgait [REDACTED]
- a. Auto Park #4 (#16 of Attachment "A"). [REDACTED]
- b. Soft drinks factory (limonadnyy zavod, #22 of Attachment "A"). Employs 100 workers. Director is (fnu) STOTSKIY.
- c. Bread baking plant (#43 of Attachment "A").
- d. Brickyard located near the intersection of the Baku - Derbent highway and short road (#2 of Attachment "A") from this highway to Sumgait.
- d. Kontora Soyuzprommontazh (All-Union Industrial Mounting Office).


Governmental and Political Institutions:

15. City Committee of Communist Party - Gorkom (secretary - (fnu) ALIYEV), City Executive Committee - Gorispolkom (chairman - (fnu) DZHALILOV), and City Council are accommodated in a three-story building (#103 of Attachment "A") near the eastern end of Lenina Street.
16. ZAGS is located on the first floor of the two- or three-story house (#80 of Attachment "A") on the northeast corner of Lenina and Pushkina Streets.
17. People's Court (#101 of Attachment "A") is located on the southern part of Nizami Street.
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18. Office of the rayon prosecutor is situated in the Khimstroy settlement (#32 of Attachment "A"). Here also are located the Rayon Consumer Organization (RayPo - Rayonnoye Potrebitel'skoye Obshchestvo) and the old premises of the City Committee of Communist Party.

#### Security Forces:


19. The offices of MVD including OVIR are located on the first floor of the three-story building marked "81 on Attachment "A". MVD Chief - Niaze NADZHAROV.
20. Militia (#36 of Attachment "A") is located in a two-story building on the western end of Akhundova Street.
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21. Military Commandantur and dormitory of military police (kommendantskiy patrul') are located at the western end of Pushkina Street.



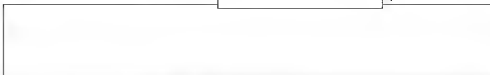
#### Medical Institutions:

22. There is a big city hospital (#76 of Attachment "A") in the northern part of the city and near it is a city polyclinic (#77 of Attachment "A") on Stalina Street. There is a city first-aid station (skoraya pomoshch') (#59 of Attachment "A") on a small street off Lenina Street. BTZ also has its own clinic (#51 of Attachment "A") on Stalina Street.

#### Hotels and Restaurants:

23. There is a hotel for collective farmers in Sumgait with cafeteria #10 located near the farmers' market (#66 of Attachment "A"). It is open for all out-of-town guests although the collective farmers coming on business trips to town have preference. A new three-story hotel in the eastern part of the city is about to be completed and will be opened to the public soon.
24. There are a number of restaurants, cafeterias (stolovaya) and snack-bars in Sumgait. The best of them is reportedly the two-story restaurant "Sumgait" on the southern end of Stalina Street. Restaurant #1 ("Pervyy Restor'an") on the first floor of a three-story building on the northwest corner of Stalina and Pushkina Streets is also supposed to be a good place to eat.  RayPo Restaurant on Nizami Street and two ORS (Otdel Rabochego Snabzheniya - Department of Workers Supply) stolovaya, one next to the bus terminal, and another in the vicinity of the city park.

#### Educational Institutions:

25. In 1958 in Sumgait a Chemical Institute was opened. The institute (marked #100 on Attachment "A") is located near Nizami Street in the southeast part of the town. No further information could be supplied  on this institution of higher learning.
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26. The only other educational institutions [redacted] were High School #1 and the Vocational Training School for Construction Workers [redacted]

Cultural and Entertainment Establishments:

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27. There are a number of parks (see Attachment "A") where people of Sumgait spend their leisure hours. The largest of them is the City Park occupying the area northeast of the Lenina and Nizami Street intersection. The park has a big amusement section with a merry-go-round, swings, and other attractions, and a summer movie theater. Next to the park, on Nizami Street, is located the winter and summer premises of the movie theater "Vagif" (marked #110 and #111, respectively) on Stalina Street.
28. Except the city entertaining establishments, almost all of the city's largest industrial plants has its own club and park. BTZ has a new two-story club and park adjacent to it (for locations, see Attachment "A"). SK also has its own club on Lenina Street (#106 of Attachment "A"). One of the largest professional groups - construction workers - has its own two-story club on Pushkina Street, a stadium behind the bread baking plant on Lenina Street, and a new park occupying a large area between the eastern end of Lenina Street and the Caspian Sea was under construction.
29. The city library occupies the first floor of a three-story building on Lenina Street. No other information is available.

Out-of-town Transportation:

30. The city of Sumgait has a railroad connection to Baku and points north and also bus connections to Baku, Dzhorat, Nasosnyy, Kyzyl-Burun, Alty-Agach and Stepanakert. The suburban electric railway connecting Sumgait to Baku was to be completed in the latter part of 1958. Sumgait possesses no sea - or airport facilities.
31. The Sumgait railroad station is located 7 km. southwest of the city on the Baku - Moscow railroad line. The railroad has double-tracks at Sumgait. The terminal is a 30 x 50 meter one-story stone building with an open asphalted platform in front of it. Tickets are checked at the car doors or on the train. The express train (skoryy) #63 (Baku to Moscow) stops at Sumgait at 1300 hours local time; #64 (Moscow-Rostov/Dom to Baku) stops at Sumgait at 1630. Railroad militia is responsible for keeping order at the Sumgait terminal. (For details see Attachment # "C" [redacted] to this report.) The railroad has a city ticket office located at Lenina Street (#71 of Attachment "A").
32. Bus connections: All out-of-town bus lines operate daily. Bus terminal (#54 of Attachment "A") is located on Lenina Street near its intersection with Stalina Street. It consists of a wooden shed with benches and tables inside, and a ticket office at the entrance.

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- a. Line #1, Sumgait - Baku: It operates yellowish-colored ZIS-155 buses with a capacity of 50-60 passengers each. Above the windshield is located a white sign with black lettering showing a number "1" in a circle and the words "Sumgait - Baku". The same words are also shown on the route plate on the right side of the bus between the front and back doors. A one-way ticket to Baku costs 5.20 Rubles. Tickets are sold at the bus terminal or by the bus driver along the way. Entrance is thru the back door, exit is thru the front door.

This line operates from 0600 until 2300 hours with a bus departing every 30 minutes. The bus leaves for Baku from the bus terminal by way of the eastern continuation of Lenina Street and returns from Baku by way of the southeastern continuation of Stalina Street, south of BTZ (Pipe Rolling Mill).

Stops: Sumgait Brickyard - Dzheyram Batan - Sarai - Transit (junction of Kirovabad and Derbent highways to Baku) - Khurdalan - Baku.

- b. Sumgait - Dzhorat: Operates PAZ buses seating 16 passengers (during the swimming season some ZIS-155 are added to this line). A bus leaves every 30 minutes from 0600 to 2200 hours, and the fare is 1.50 Rubles one-way.
- c. Sumgait - Nasosnyy: Operates PAZ buses from 0600 to 2200 hours, every one-half hour. The fare is 2 Rubles one-way.
- d. Sumgait - Nasosnyy - Kyzyl - Burun: PAZ buses. No fixed schedule. A bus departs when enough passengers are present. The fare is 10 Rubles one-way.
- e. Sumgait - Alty-Agach (via Nasosnyy and Kalyuzi): A PAZ bus leaves Sumgait once a day, at 0700 hours.
- f. Sumgait - Stepanakert (via Shemakha - Akhsu - Geokchay - Agdash - Khaldan Yevlakh - Agdam): A ZIS-155 departs from Sumgait once a day, at 0700 hours.

#### City Transportation:

33. City Buses. Two bus lines were operated by the Sumgait Auto Park. They both used the same route, each operating two buses in opposite directions. Buses of one line operating clockwise from the bus terminal described in Paragraph 32 of this report and was usually referred to as "ploshchadka" ("stage"). Its route was indicated on route signs as "Kol'tsevoy - Ploshchadka - Khimstroy" ("Ring - Stage - Chemical Construction Settlement"). The stops of this line were as follows (see Attachment "A"):

Ploshchadka  
Trest (Oil Trust)  
Aluminiyevyy Zavod (Aluminum Works)  
Povorot TETs (turn to Thermo-power Plant)

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Povorot Khimstroy (turn-in to Chemical Construction Settlement)

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Khimstroy

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Akhundova Street (corner Stalina Street) then down Vagifa to Pushkina Street

Kolkhoznyy Bazar (Farm Market)

Lenina - Stalina Streets

Ploshchadka

The other line operated two buses on the same route counter-clockwise with a minor change eliminating Vagifa Street and following Stalina Street north up to the very end. These buses carried route shields with "Khimstroy - Ploshchadka" on them.

Both lines operated from 0630 to 2200 hours daily. The fare was 15 kopeks between any two stops, and the tickets were sold on the bus by conductors. The tickets of yellowish and blueish colors were kept in rolls in a leather bag hanging over the conductor's neck.

34. BTZ Buses: Operates 3 or 4 ZIS-155 buses taking the workers to and from BTZ before and after each shift (as late as 0200 hours). The use of these buses is not restricted to only BTZ workers, but is available to the public. The tickets are sold on the bus by a conductor. One route leads from the bus terminal south on Stalina Street to BTZ; another goes by way of Lenina Street and the Aluminum Works to BTZ.
35. Streetcars: Streetcars were supposed to be introduced in Sumgait in the fall of 1958. At this time they had already been delivered to Sumgait (source unknown) and placed in the streetcar repair shop. The construction of the tracks was completed in July 1958. The future route of the streetcar line should be as follows: Nizami Street - southend of Stalina Street - BTZ - Aluminum Works - TETs - Militia - Akhundova Street - Nizami Street.

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36. Taxis: "ZIM" and "Pobeda" taxi cabs are operated by the Sumgait Auto Park. The taxi stand is located in front of the bus terminal described in Paragraph 32. Black ZIS'es and grey Pobeda's are marked by a single band of black and white checkered squares about 10 cm. wide on a level with the top of the door.

All taxi cabs operating from 0600 to 2400 hours have 20 x 30 cm. black meters installed in the middle of the dashboard. On top of the meter is attached a sign: "700 meters - 1 Ruble". Below this sign is a kilometer indicating window; to the left of it is a window showing the total fare.

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Power Supply:

37. The city of Sumgait is supplied with electric power by Sumgait TETs (Teplo-Electro Tsentral - Thermo Power Plant), operating on oil delivered from Baku by tank cars. The plant consumed a train load (number of tank cars unknown) per day. [redacted] this power plant also supplies electric power to Kyzyl-Burun and, partially, Baku. The city is entirely electrified. There were no restrictions on the use of electricity to [redacted] 50X1-HUM

Water Supply:

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38. All apartments, houses and yards in Sumgait are supplied with water from the water pumping and purifying station located in Nasosnyy, which also supplies the city of Baku with water. Nasosnyy, in turn, receives the water from Khudat by a canal. At the present time another water pumping station is under construction in Nasosnyy.

Sewerage System:

39. All sections of Sumgait, except the two so-called "Workers Settlements" (#30 and #31 of Attachment "A"), have a modern sewerage system equipped with slate (shifer) concrete-like pipes. The workers settlements are served by tank trucks which dispose of their contents at the city dump near the brickyard.

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[redacted] only two public restrooms in Sumgait, one on Lenina Street behind the bus terminal, and one near the railroad terminal.

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A two-meter wide canal (#34 of Attachment "A") of concrete construction running west of Narimanova and Vagifa Streets into the Caspian Sea is also used for draining of excess [redacted]

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44. A newspaper of small format, two pages, entitled "Sumgait" appears daily in the Russian and Azerbaydzhanian languages. The offices of this newspaper (#83 on Attachment "A") are located off Pushikina Street near the intersection with Nizami Street. 50X1-HUM

Communications:

45. The old post, telephone and telegraph office was located on the southern side of Lenina Street (#94 of Attachment "A") in a one-story building. The new three-story post, telephone and telegraph annex (#89 of Attachment "A") is located across the street from the old post office building and was scheduled to be open to the public at the end of 1958. 50X1-HUM
46. [REDACTED]
47. Telegraph. In order to send a telegram, one did not have to identify himself after filling out a standard form, which included the sender's address. The form was obtained at the telegraph counter. The fee was governed by the number of words in the telegram, however, the rate of charge per word is not known [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM
48. Telephone. The city of Sumgait had 1,500 telephones, and, according to a local newspaper article [REDACTED] it should be increased to 2,500 in 1959. 50X1-HUM

In order to install a telephone, a request had to be made at the local telephone office. Often on the same day the telephone was installed. The

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fees for the use of the telephone are paid on a monthly basis, but the rate is not known [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM

There are two kinds of sets obtainable in the stores: a dial-type phone at a cost of 160 Rubles and a non-dial phone at a cost of 80 Rubles. The dial telephones, which are owned by state enterprises or by persons having a private phone, have a direct connection to ATS (Automatic Telephone Station) in Baku. Public phones and all others without dial must use the operator. [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM

[REDACTED] There is no time limit on the 15 Kopek calls. Only coins of this value may be used. Long distance calls may be made at the local post office. The request for each individual call has to be placed there at least 5 or 6 hours ahead of time.

49. Radio. There is no radio station in Sumgait. The owners of radio sets listen to Radio Baku. The monthly charge for the use of a radio set is 7 Rubles. There is a closed circuit broadcast including street loudspeakers in Sumgait [REDACTED]

50. [REDACTED] no action was taken against people listening to foreign broadcasts in recent years. [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM

However, some foreign stations [REDACTED] are jammed at various times. [REDACTED]

#### Foods and Consumer Goods:

51. [REDACTED]

Two hundred rubles per month were paid for [REDACTED] quarters and the remaining money was spent for food and clothing, which [REDACTED] were enormously high in cost in comparison with earned wages.

Besides the high prices, some of the food and consumer goods were very difficult to obtain in state owned stores. Fresh meat, which was a rare item in the stores, was also difficult to obtain. Most of the stores carried only frozen meat. Fresh meat, along with rice, vegetables and other country products, were obtainable at the collective farmer market (#66 of Attachment "A"). The individual collective farmers and farm representatives were issued special permission to sell their products after state inspection of the quality of the goods. The prices at the farmer market were between 25 and 50 percent higher than in the stores.

52. Good quality fabrics for men's and ladies' suits and coats could be bought for higher prices by having "connections" in the state owned store. Otherwise, fabrics could be bought along with other scarce products, such as radios and beds, at so-called "free market" (vol'nyy rynok, or tolkuchka) in Baku for 180 - 200 percent of the original price. [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM

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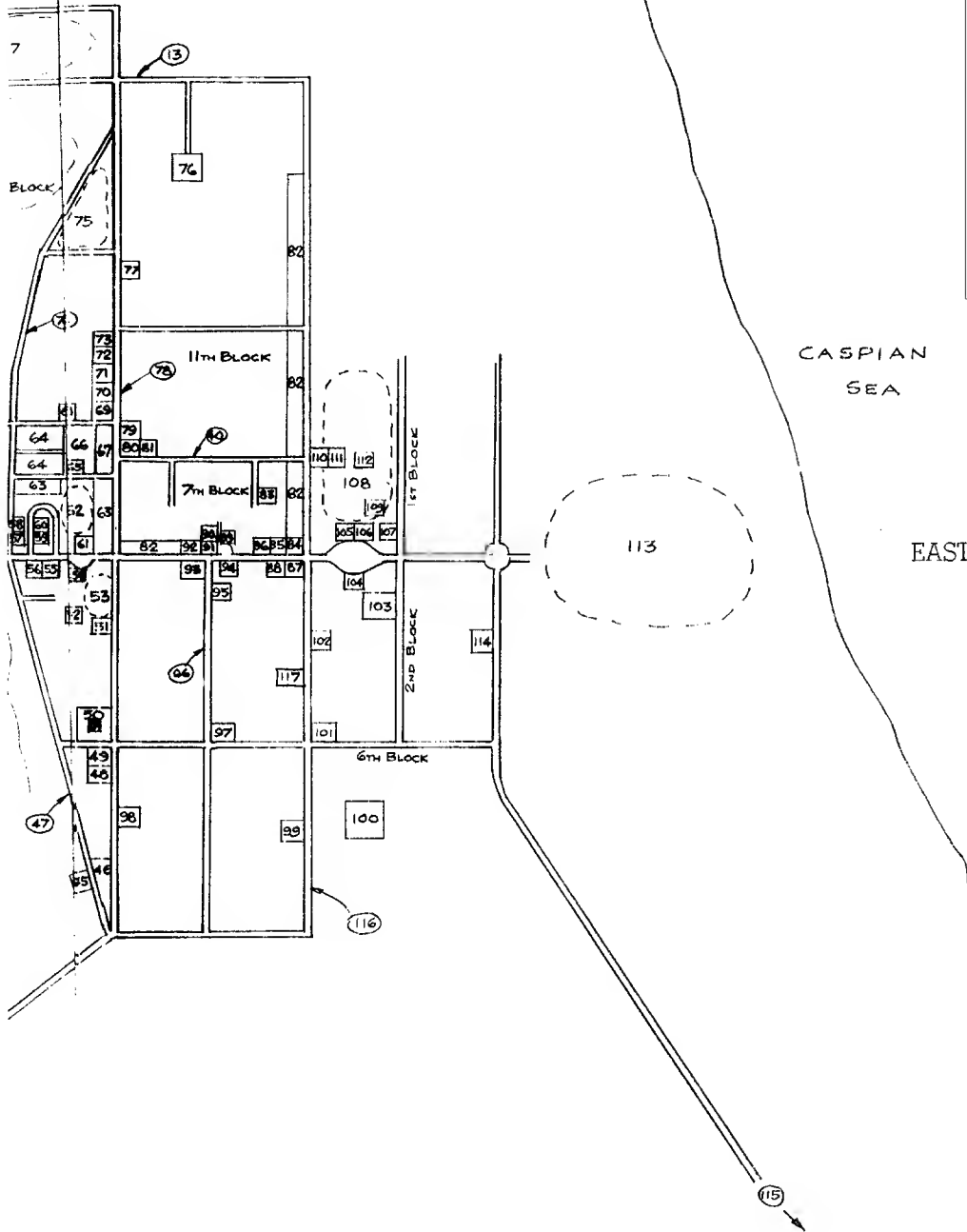
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